THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The weighted average landed price of Cimetidine, based on DGHS import data for the year 1990, 91, works out to Rs. 2861.58 per Kg.

(b) M/s. Eskayef are marketing formulations based on bulk drug Cimetidine under brand name 'Tagamed'. The prices of these formulations, as approved in April '89 are based on landed price of bulk drug at Rs. 1363.16 per Kg. These prices have not been revised by the Government since then. As regards M|s. Cadila, as per available information, this company is marketing Cimetidine based formulations under generic name.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Use of large quantity of Dexamethasone**

4585. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Cadila and M|s. Tamilnadu Dadha also use large quantities of Dexamethasone;

(b) if so, what was the bulk drug price on which their formulation prices were based as on 31st March, 1979 and when and what was the price of the bulk drug notified by Government;

(c) whether any amounts are due towards these companies;

(d) whether Government have issued any notice to them;

(e) if so, when and what are the details thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that Ministry had not made any assessment of liabilities in their favour; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: (a) M|s. Cadila is captively consuming the bulk drug Dexamethasone for its formulations, whereas M|s. Tamilnadu Dadha is purchasing the bulk drug for its formulations.

(b) The prices of formulations based on bulk drug Dexamethasone as on 31st March, 1979 were based on the declared price of Dexamethasone Pune and Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate under DPCO, 1970 which were Rs. 89.92 and Rs. 195.37 per gm. for Dexamethasone Pure and Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate respectively.

(c) to (g) Till date no amount has been assessed against both the companies. Both the companies have been requested to submit the required data to assess the tentative liability against them on this account, if any. After getting the required data further necessary action would be taken.

**Fixation of prices of Dipyridamol**

4586. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Dipyridamol has not been fixed by Government although its production has been started by M|s. German Remedies;

(b) on what price of Dipyridamol are the formulation prices based at present and since when;

(c) wheher it is a fact that all alongwith M|s. German Remedies were over-invoicing the imports;

(d) if so, what action taken thereon;

(e) whether Government have taken any steps to bring down the price of its formulations; and